## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Group Art Unit No.: 2431

Amol Khare, et al. Examiner: Shin Hon Chen

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PREVENTING NETWORK ATTACKS BY AUTHENTICATING INTERNET CONTROL

MESSAGE PROTOCOL PACKETS

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## **REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2009, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 26, 2009, please reconsider the subject application in light of the Request for Continued Examination and the amendments and remarks herein.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 10.